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### DR. BANCROFT GAVE INTERESTING ADDRESS

Though the attendance was not strong from the point of view of numbers, the Arts Undergraduate Society held a most important meeting last night.

The business which preceded a most interesting programme was in itself also interesting. The president, Mr. Henry Morgan, was elected to represent the Society at Toronto Varsity's dinner.

The second matter discussed was the most vexing question of the Arts dinner. Wet or dry was again the question. And as in former years, the dries won. After a number of motions and amendments, and sharp onslaught by the "wets" the following motion was passed. "That the dinner be a dry one, and that all other arrangements be left in the hands of the committee."

It was moved by Mr. McCrimmon and seconded by Mr. Nicol's that the executive be requested to proceed with the installation of some form of drinking water for the Arts Building, and that it investigate the possibility of a telephone being installed for the use of students.

Quebec is now the largest province in Canada, but very little is known about her unknown territory. Dr. Bancroft had been up into the coun-

try just south of James Bay on two successive summers. The first summer he had been south of the Transcontinental and last summer chiefly north. Two years ago it was a matter of considerable difficulty to get up to that country. It was then necessary to go to Cobalt and then go the rest of the way by canoe. Now one can go by the Transcontinental.

The outfitting of an expedition like this is a very important matter. The Dominion Geological Survey have, however, drawn up very good regulations concerning these matters.

Dr. Bancroft then proceeded to show some very interesting slides. His method was to establish a central camp and then send out parties in every direction to explore the country. These parties would remain out for about two weeks. He investigated the so-called gold mines, but found them to be fakes in many cases. They had been "salted" with brass from the men's boots.

The height of land is not at all what one would picture. It is very flat and one frequently passes over it without noticing. A very simple dam would cause the large Nottaway river to flow down the Ottawa. The stories about diamonds in the clay is

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## DELTA SIGMA SOCIETY HOLDS SUCCESSFUL MEETING INTEREST GROWS Apace IN THE OPENING CONTEST HERE

Professor of Geology Tells Fair Co-eds About Northern Quebec Queen's Debaters are Confident of Success in the Struggle

The Annual Open Meeting of the Delta Sigma Society was held yesterday afternoon. There was a good attendance not only of undergraduates, but of other students and their friends. A rather small deputation represented the men of the Arts Faculty.

The programme took the form of a lecture by Dr. Bancroft on Northern Quebec. Miss Duff, the President was in the chair.

Dr. Bancroft described the physical features of this little known region. He was well fitted for his task, having travelled there for two summers. Not the least interesting part of his address was his description of the problems encountered by one exploring this region. Not only are the rivers often difficult to navigate and the portages long, but supplies have to be thought of, and care taken that the right amount is procured. The Dominion Geological Survey have carefully prepared tables, showing just how much food is needed per man per day. It would be as foolish to take in too much as too little, for it must all be carried in packs.

These packs are easily handled by the Indians, who, though very lazy are enormously strong. When speaking of these Indians Dr. Bancroft related several amusing anecdotes, illustrating their superstitions and habits.

That the land is not useless, but important, and rich in resources, was the claim of the speaker, and he prophesied the day when these resources would be used to Canada's advantage.

At the close of the address Miss Cameron spoke shortly and thanked Dr. Bancroft for the information he had conveyed to those present.

Miss Duff then invited all present to adjourn to the dining hall where a pleasant social hour was spent and refreshments were served.

Bulletins have been placed in the various University buildings advertising the Intercollegiate debate between Queen's and McGill on Friday evening. Unfortunately the "Lit" is not the most popular organization at McGill, but if the student public will have the curiosity to attend at least one meeting of the Society, they will find that their effort has been well repaid. This is practically the only training ground we have for public speakers, and all members are given an equal opportunity to speak. The discussions are on live topics, and even from the standpoint of public instruction the Society is doing a good work.

Undergraduates are prone to forget that by virtue of the universal fee they are all fully paid up members of the "Lit," and it is hoped that in future they will take advantage of their exceptional opportunities for learning the art of public speaking, and for becoming conversant with the subjects which are under debate.

On Friday evening the proceedings will be somewhat varied, in view of the fact that the Intercollegiate debate between Queen's and McGill will be held. A special programme of music and song has been arranged, and the executive of the Society are confident that a "bumper" crowd will be out to help our representatives, the Messrs. Farthing and McGuire, win another championship for "Old McGill."

The subject is "Resolved that the increasing size of American and Canadian universities is detrimental to the best interests of college education." Queen's have chosen to debate on the negative side, but under the careful coaching of Professors Leacock, Fryer and McMillan, the McGill team have the subject at their finger ends and are optimistic as to the outcome.

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## DEBATING

The immense value of debating to the individual can hardly be over estimated, and it is certain that this branch of the College Activities does not receive the amount of support to which it is, on its merits, entitled.

We can conceive of no position in which proficiency as a debater will not be of value to the person concerned. To know one's own mind thoroughly on any given subject, it is necessary that all sides of the case be considered, and be mentally balanced, the one against the other. What better training can there be than debating to effect this purpose.

The most important result to be looked for is the gaining of facility of expression. To be able to state in clear and precise terms our knowledge or opinions on any given subject, is of the utmost importance in all walks of life. Without this power of expression all knowledge becomes as a pointless pencil, the material is there in the correct form for use, but there is no means of applying it. For those lacking in this respect what better remedy can there be than the keen knife of proficiency in debating.

In industrial life, periodic dissensions are a necessity of nature. In these it is the man who can debate, the man whose mind is made up, and who is prepared to explain his point clearly and to drive it home, who will be successful. To men in responsible positions this is of extreme value, as promotion comes rather for exceptional service in time of stress, than for faithful labour in peaceful circumstances.

On Friday night the first meeting of the Intercollegiate Debating Contest is to be held in the Union. In the past the Literary and Debating Society has not received that measure of support which it undoubtedly deserves. We have pointed out some of the great advantages to be gained, or perhaps to be brought into reach, by the support of an Institution which in return makes only the minimum demands on the already short time of the student. This lack of support in the past we attribute entirely to the fact that few students realised the advantages obtained by a systematic attendance at the weekly discussions held under the auspices of the Society.

We hope that there will be a good attendance at the meeting on Friday to support the efforts of our representatives, and we feel sure that having once seen the scope and value of debating, a greatly increased amount of interest will be taken in the "Lit".

## IN MEMORIAM

Ivanhoe Desrosier, B.A., B.Sc., who died in Saskatoon, the 26th of November, 1912. Deceased was a graduate in Arts of Ottawa College and a graduate in Architecture of McGill University, in the year 1912. He was a member of the Glee Club and his loss will be deeply regretted by his many friends both in the University and elsewhere.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Photo of the Intercollegiate and Birkett Cup Teams of the Rifle Club will be taken to-day at Rices' at 1 p.m. Everybody should try and be there promptly and DON'T forget to BRING your GUNS!

All those men desirous of visiting

the Angus shops on Saturday be sure and sign the list with the janitor of the Engineering Bldg. before Friday noon. This will be a fine chance to see these famous shops, so don't fail to take it now.

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## COMING EVENTS

TO-DAY.

1.00 Rifle Club Photo.  
7-8 Hockey Practice.  
7.30 Undergraduates Orchestra.  
8.00 First Aid Class.  
8.00 Water Polo Practice.

TO-MORROW.

8.15 INTERCOLLEGIATE DEBATE.  
5.30 Wrestling and Boxing Class.  
5.00 Dr. Chipman on Women's Law.  
5-6 Basketball Practice.

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ly at Other Colleges; Why  
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At California University they have an annual punting contest for a silver cup, and it has been suggested that such a contest should be established at McGill next year. For the benefit of its readers the "Daily" publishes the rules in force at California as they may prove interesting.

The rules governing the contest this year will be the same as those previously employed:

1. The committee in charge of the contest will be the head coach, head trainer, and captain of the Varsity. The members of this committee will also act as judges.

2. Any man eligible to the California team may compete for the Reos trophy.

3. The field shall be marked as follows:

(a). One side line clearly outlined.

(b). Line parallel to side line and 5 yards inside.

(c). Two lines 50 yards apart at right angles to the side lines.

11. 1. All kicks must be punts.

The kicker stands behind line aa or bb to receive the ball.

2. The ball is thrown to the kicker by one of the judges standing 10 yards distant.

3. Each contestant has 6 trials, 3 to be taken from each line cc.

4. After an attempt is made by the kicker to catch the passed ball, he must kick. But if the pass is bad, the kicker may refuse to receive it, in which case he must not touch the ball.

III. 1. Scoring shall depend on three factors:

(a). Distance. All kicks shall be measured from point where kick was made to line through intersection of kick with side line, or line through point where ball lands. When ball lights not more than 5 yards from side line, the distance is measured parallel to side line.

(b). Accuracy. The full distance of the ball must alight beyond or on side line within touch. A kick alighting within 5 yards of side line shall be given half distance.

(c). Time elapsing from instant the ball touches kicker's hand till it leaves his foot is taken and effects the value of the kick as follows:

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3 96

3 1/2 94

4 92

4 1/2 90

5 88

5 1/2 86

6 84

6 1/2 82

7 80

7 1/2 78

8 76

8 1/2 74

9 72

9 1/2 70

2. The average distance, corrected for accuracy, multiplied by average time percentage, constitutes the final score. The cup shall be awarded to the man having the highest final average.

3. Winner's name, final score, and class, to be engraved on cup which is held by him for one year.

## THE BASKETBALL SQUAD PUT IN A STRENUOUS PRACTICE

Intermediates and Juniors had a Fast Hours Work-out in the Gym. Yesterday

A fine workout of the Juniors and Intermediates was held this afternoon at the gym and the men showed splendid form for this time of the year. However, there are still plenty of chances left for it is quite possible that there will be five teams representing McGill in different leagues, both Junior and Intermediate as well as Senior. Bushy had charge of the floor, with "Tiny Calder" looking on, and when seen by the "Daily" representative was very optimistic over the future season. With plenty of material in sight the honor of Old McGill will certainly be held up this year. However, if there are any men who have not turned out so far and who would like to do so they should not think that it is too late, but had better watch out for the next practice and turn up.

## ACTION OF NITRIC ACID DISCUSSED BY THE CHEMICAL SOCIETY

Dr. V. J. Harding Dealt with the Question in an Exceedingly Interesting Manner

The regular meeting of the Chemical Society was held in the Chemistry Building last evening. In answer to a resolution of regret at the retirement of Dr. J. W. Walker from active work which was forwarded by the Society, a reply was read from Dr. Walker, thanking the Society for the greeting, and also for the moments of the years of work which he spent in McGill. He said, "I shall always prize it as one of my most treasured possessions, and the signatures of the givers will bring many pleasant recollections every time. I use it which, unless I turn over a new leaf, will be often."

Dr. V. J. Harding then dealt with the "Action of Nitric Acid on Certain Organic Compounds."

When nitric acid acts upon aromatic compounds the usual result is the replacement of a hydrogen atom by a nitro group.

Certain compounds are known where the halogen atoms are replaced by nitro groups, and, recently, the replacement of complex groups by the nitro group has been observed—the replacement of these complex groups following the same rule as the replacement of the simpler hydrogen atoms.

The lecturer pointed out that nitration of organic compounds is not effected by nitric acid alone; nitrous acid or the lower oxides of nitrogen also take part.

Experiments were performed showing the inhibition of all nitration in presence of hydrogen peroxide, and, in the majority of cases, when urea is present. In one instance it was found that an addition product of nitric acid and the compound under investigation, was formed.

The lecturer expressed the view that the mechanism of the nitration of aromatic substances was, first, the formation of an addition compound with nitric acid, followed by its decomposition under the catalytic influence of nitrous acid, forming the nitro compound.

by the sure passing of the home and the phenomenal work of the defence and the centre. The Captain, John Wickson on the forward line finding the basket time after time. Stuart Forbes ran a very close second on the scoring list while N. Forbes, A. McLeod and M. Laing said that the exceptional playing of all tied for third place. It must be McLeod and N. Forbes was deserving of more points but their whole play was characteristic of their extreme modesty, they passing to their teammates time after time with heart-touching unselfishness. On the Freshman team, Popham proved the star giving Laing the time of his life holding him down. Robertson and Booth also rank on the scoring list for this team. The final score was 28-17 for the Sophs. After the game the winners were the guests of the losers to a chocolate lunch in the Architectural Draughting room at which both teams and Rooters' Clubs starred.

The Athletic Organization is awaiting with breathless anxiety until the condition of the ice allows these two really wonderful aggregations of all-round athletes to meet at hockey, when once again '15 expect to prove that if they are to be beaten it is at a game which has not as yet been invented.

## INTER-YEAR BASKETBALL

Never since the days of the Haufenstauer Emperors has a battle been witnessed equal to that seen in the Gym. as when Architecture '16 tried to redeem their athletic honours from that sterling band of T-square welders, viz. Architecture '15.

The object of the encounter was the overwhelming and unquenchable desire of the latest edition to the Architectural Department to seek redress for their crushing defeat on the local gridiron.

The game which was scheduled for 12 o'clock noon began about 12.15. As the teams filed on the floor the Rooters' Club of '15 broke out into vociferous cheers. As the umpire Mr. Perrault of Architecture '15 and '16 blew a starting whistle, all became silent once again, a silence which lasted only a few seconds when the '16 square men who had been converted into a Rooters' Club for the occasion broke into a wild cheer as their team scored the first point on a free shot. For the next ten minutes all was sixteen and before the Sophs awoke the score was 7-0. By this time however the sturdy forwards of '15 discovered that the principal object of the game was not to hit the wall but rather to get the ball into the basket. At halftime the score stood 10-9 for the Sophs.

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Final arrangements have not yet been completed, but it is quite likely that everybody will be asked to meet at the Union at 2 p.m. sharp on Saturday.

These works are said to be amongst the most up-to-date and complete of any on the continent and will be well worth a visit, and it doesn't make any difference what department a man is in, for the officers of the Club want to have as many as possible. Several of the professors have signified their intention of going and they evidently think it worth while.

Watch the "Daily" for further information, and if your friend doesn't know, tell him, and bring him along.

## NONDESCRITT NUNSENSE

"John, I listened to you for half an hour last night, while you were talking in your sleep."  
"Thanks, dear, for your self-restraint."—Ex.

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## PROMINENT MEN SPEAK WHEN THE VOLUNTEER BAND MEETS

Mr. F. Lovell Murray and B. R. Barber Addressed the Gathering

The Student Volunteer Band at their regular weekly meeting in Strathcona Hall on Tuesday night had the unusual good fortune to have no less than three missionaries present with them.

Mr. B. R. Barber, who has been working for some years among the students of Calcutta as general secretary of the Y.M.C.A. there, pictured the crying need of the non-Christian lands for men who will live Christ-like lives. He showed that the responsibility for the supplying of such a need must ever fall to a large extent upon the students of the world, and appealed to us to keep putting before our fellow-students the claims of the foreign field as a life work.

With Mr. Barber came Mr. Chas. Paterson, McGill '99, who has been Boy's Secretary of the Calcutta Y.M.C.A., for the past ten years, and Mr. J. Lovell Murray, Educational Secretary of the Student Volunteer Movement. This was an unexpected treat, but as Mr. Paterson is now staying in Montreal, he deferred his talk with us till a later date. Mr. Murray spoke of the splendid Conference that had just been held at Sackville, N.B.; and urged that we do all in our power to help along the one that is soon to take place in Peterborough.

At the close of the meeting the Volunteers had the privilege of personal talks with these three men, who are known all over North America for their great Missionary work.

## THE DRY DINNER

### THE PRO.

Are you going! Are you going! to the dreary dinner dry?  
Will you toast the King in lemonade the while you heave a sigh  
For the times so merry hearted  
And the speeches which were started  
By the Booze which has departed?  
You are not, and I know why.

### THE ANTI.

We are going! We are going full of purpose and of zeal,  
We are working in a worthy cause and for the common weal,  
We will make it a convention  
To enforce complete abstinence,  
And we think that we should mention  
All the pride we justly feel.

## TEMPERANCE TRIUMPHANT

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absolutely ridiculous. The clay is not of the right geological age to permit of diamonds being found.

The rivers are as a rule very sluggish with bear and their sudden rapids. The lakes were very beautiful, and were dotted with islands.

There are two big rivers, the Notaway and the Hericanaw. His party went down the former almost to its mouth. At its mouth the river becomes very rapid and unnavigable.

The woods are extremely tangled and thick. There are no oaks, maples or beeches, and a few birch and poplar. The woods are almost entirely composed of black spruce, jack pines and white spruce. There were many beautiful wild flowers. These were collected so as to be able to compare the climate conditions with other parts of Canada. Moose and bear are very abundant. The fur animals as beaver, mink, etc., are fast disappearing.

Provisions are very dear, being as much as \$26 for a bag of flour.

There are very few Indians. The ones that are there are very superstitious. Dr. Bancroft then told some very amusing tales about the Indian folk here.

The climate, said Dr. Bancroft, was quite suitable for farming. The only possible difficulty was due to the evatic frosts caused by the vast swamps. As the flowers, however, survived this, he thought it might do no harm. Near the lakes these frosts did not occur, therefore the margins of the lakes should be settled first. For this north country the speaker predicted a great future.

The clay belt which made the soil so valuable was due to a large lake existing in prehistoric periods. This lake was formed between the height of land on the south, and the receding ice cap of glacial times on the north.

The speaker closed amidst vociferous applause. The meeting adjourned with refreshments.

## POPULAR PAST CATERER THANKS ALL MEMBERS OF THE UNION

Mr. Walsh Has Written an Open Letter to the Daily

An article appeared in the columns of this paper last Friday which was entirely erroneous. It was in regard to the matter of the change in caterers and it made it appear as if the withdrawal of Mr. Walsh had not been done of his own volition. This was an injustice to Mr. Walsh which the "Daily" is glad to rectify as Mr. Walsh's departure is regretted by all those with whom he came in contact. The following letter speaks for itself:

November 25th, 18912.  
Editor "McGill Daily",  
Dear Sir:—

Through the medium of your columns, I would like to thank the members of the McGill Union for their patronage and support during the three years I have had the pleasure of managing their catering department.

I regret very much having to tender my resignation, but under the conditions and with fairness to the students, I was unable to carry on the business with financial success.

Wishing the new caterer every success, I remain,

Very truly yours,  
C. E. WALSH.

## Piffle

The train came thundering down the track,

It went a mile a minute,  
It travelled very, very fast  
The R.V.C. were in it.

The Junior and the Sophomore,  
The ever fair Freshette,  
The senior with the lofty smile  
That she is wearing yet.

I hear you ask the reason why  
It went at such a rate,  
For surely it would never do  
To spill such precious freight.

Some Science man might answer this,  
It's far too deep for me,  
For I'm a simple student  
At the dear old R. V. C.

First Freshette—"What place in your mind is most closely associated with the gunpowder plot?"

Second Freshette—"I'm sure I do not know."

First Freshette, triumphantly—"The place where Guy forks."



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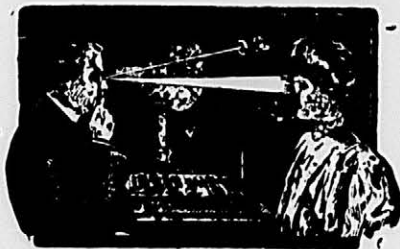
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